



**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 8, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lindell Smith, Chair
Commissioner Carole McDougall, Vice Chair
Commissioner Carlos Beals
Commissioner Lisa Blackburn
Commissioner Becky Kent
Commissioner Anthony Thomas

REGRETS: Commissioner Natalie Borden

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
Staff Sergeant Mark MacDonald, Halifax Regional Police
Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:37 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:32 p.m. and adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Lindell Smith, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place on the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

The Chair also acknowledged African Heritage Month and recognized the contributions made by Nova Scotia's fifty-two Black communities.

1.1 Presentation to Commissioner Tony Mancini

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police presented past Board Commissioner, Councillor Tony Mancini, with a gift in thanks for their work and contributions to the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair made note of storm related HRM service changes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 18, 2021, January 28, 2021 (Special) and February 2, 2021 (Special)

MOVED by Commissioner Kent, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the minutes of January 18, 2021, January 28, 2021 (Special) and February 2, 2021 (Special) be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: NONE

Deletions: NONE

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

6. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

7.1 Update on Board of Police Commissioners 2019/2020 Workplan

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A handout entitled "Halifax Board of Police Commissioners Work Plan – 2020"

The Board agreed that the reassignment of tasks on the Work Plan should wait until after new appointments are made to the Board as the terms for two commissioners are ending at the end of March. At that time the Work Plan may also be updated and revised.

7.2 Overview of Officer Training

The following was before the Board of Police Commissioners:

- A presentation from Halifax Regional Police entitled “HRP Training Overview”
- A presentation from Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax Divisions entitled “RCMP Regular Member Training”

Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, presented an overview of the ongoing training provided to Halifax Regional Police officers. Kinsella and Staff Sergeant Mark MacDonald, Training Department, Halifax Regional Police, answered Board questions.

Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented an overview of the ongoing training provided to regular members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and responded to Board questions.

7.3 Update on Potential Legislation for Police Articles

The Chair provided the Board with an update regarding potential legislation for police articles from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

8.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that no correspondence was received.

8.2 Petitions – NONE

8.3 Presentation – NONE

9. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

10. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

10.1 STAFF

10.1.1 HRM Wortley Report Recommendations – Update

- **Community Engagement**
- **Data Collection**
- **Street Check Ban**
- **Tracking Document**

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, updated the Board on their progress with the HRM Wortley Report Recommendations and answered Board questions.

The Chair updated the Board that no new updates have been made to the Tracking Document.

10.2 MEMBERS OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

10.2.1 Commissioner McDougall – Update from Committee to Define Defunding Police Working Group

Commissioners Carole McDougall and Councillor Lisa Blackburn updated the Board regarding the progress of the Committee to Define Defunding Police working group. McDougall advised the Board that draft Terms of Reference have been completed and circulated to the Board for discussion at the March meeting.

10.3 COMMISSIONER UPDATES

10.3.1 Management Employee Relations Committee

The Chair has no update from the Management Employee Relations Committee.

10.4 HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE/ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police, and Chief Superintendent Janis Gray, Halifax District Royal Canadian Mounted Police, updated the Board on recent initiatives and answered Board questions.

11. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – NONE

13. IN CAMERA (In Private)

The Board of Police Commissioners may rise and go into a private In Camera (In Private) session, in accordance with Section 51 of the Nova Scotia Police Act for the purposes of dealing with the following;

MOVED by Commissioner Blackburn, seconded by Commissioner McDougall

THAT the Board of Police Commissioners convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 13.1 SECURITY MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1 Security Matter

A matter pertaining to security of police operations.

The following item was dealt with by the Board In Camera (In Private), and no further action was required.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 8, 2021

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant